Nurses – 1915

Provident Hospital Graduating Exercises

Of the Training School for Nurses, at Union Memorial Church, June 4

PROGRAM

The St. Louis Argus

Song—"O Love Divine".....Nurses
Invocation .....Rev. B. F. Abbott
Vocal Solo .....Dr. Roscoe C. Haskell
President's Address, Mr. Edw. S. Williams.
Violin Solo.....Mr. James Campbell
Commencement Address, Rev. F. F. Martyn.
Vocal Solo—"Lovely Flowers," Miss Mabel Story, R. N.
Address, Miss Margaret Rodgers, R. N.
Presentation of Diplomas, Mr. Edw. S. Williams.
Song—"School Festival Song"—Nurses
Benediction....Rev. C. M. C. Mason

Graduates—Miss Beatrice L. Sydnor, President, Troy, Mo.; Miss Juanita C. Cooper, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Willa H. Mack, Sec., Paris, Ky.; Miss Ida B. Hall, Paris, Ky.

Lecturers—Dr. S. P. Stafford, Dr. J. T. Caston, Dr. J. W. McClellan, Dr. W. P. Curtis, Dr. L. B. Bluitt, Dr. J. M. Benson, Mrs. B. M. Saunders, R. N., Mrs. J. W. Myers, Dr. G. S. Jackson, Dr. R. C. Haskell, Dr. E. H. Gordon, Dr. A. W. Craddock, Dr. G. H. Haskins, Dr. G. B. Key, Miss C. F. Wilkerson, R. N.

Officers—Dr. George H. Haskins, Superintendent; Miss Cora F. Wilkerson, R. N., Sup't of Nurses; Mr. Edw. S. Williams, Pres. of Board of Directors; Mr. Hutchin Inge, Sec'y of Board of Directors.

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Kansas City Sun

KANSAS CITY'S ANNUAL CIVIC EVENT

5-22-15

Mayor Jost's Address an American Classic

Hon. Thos. M. Finn Aroused the Interest of Every Negro Citizen.

Rev. J. W. Hurse's Strong Sermon a Lasting Impression.

The Second Annual Convention of the Colored Division of the Kansas City General Hospital Training school for nurses, which constitutes the chief interest of this year to the civic pride of the Negroes of this city, was held May 15-20, and was the most auspicious occasion of its kind ever held in this section. The week consisted of many pleasing and interesting festivities, beginning with a reception at Lyric hall on the evening of Saturday, May 15th. The assembly of about 150 of Kansas City's elite, that enjoyed the affair, together with the hall beautifully decorated with palms, cut flowers, and the school and class colors, formed a brilliant spectacle.

The following Sunday night the baccalaureate sermon was preached to the graduates by Rev. Hurse at St. Stephen's Baptist church. The house was taxed to its fullest capacity, and all who heard the minister's message to the young ladies of the graduating class were deeply inpressed by the thoughtful, practical advice which, if taken to heart cannot help but tend toward success in the future.

Mr. Thos. M. Finn, president of the hospital and health board, was the other speaker on the program. In spite of the fact that Mr. Finn lays no claim to being an orator, his forcefulness of character, sincerity of purpose, and strong convictions of conscience, together with his calm manner, clear voice, and directness of speech, make whatever he has to say interesting, and attention to him worth while. He spoke of his general interest in his Colored brother (for so he considers him)—relating incidents of his early training and environment that had fostered that feeling. He then spoke of his particular interest in the Colored people here incidental to his becoming identified with the work of the health department, where he felt that he could do them some good. He dwelt for the most part upon the subject of Colored division of the General Hospital, his ambition to bring about such an institution, reasons for doing so, his becoming acquainted with Dr. Thompkins, and reasons for selecting him as the man for the place, conditions that he found there a year ago, improvements made under Colored management, etc. He made an appeal for the cooperation of the Colored physicians of the city, for more students in the training school, who are local girls, and for greater, appreciation from the Colored citizens for physicians of their own race. He assured the public that while he retained his position in the department, the Colored division of the General Hospital should be equal to the white in every particular—equipment, comforts and necessities for the patients and opportunities for development of the nurses, internes and staff. Another feature of special interest was an extemporaneous talk on tuberculosis, by Dr. Paquin, commissioner of health of Kansas City and president of the Missouri Valley Health Association, an international character, who is a graduate of Missouri University, Queen's College, Canada; University of Paris, and also of Berlin. When called upon and introduced by Dr. Thompkins, he made his second appearance before an American public, and his initial bow before a Negro audience. Excellent music was rendered for the occasion by the choir of the church, where the exercises were held.

The graduation exercises were held at Allen chapel on Monday evening, May 17th, with a good attendance of representative people of both races present, in spite of the inclemence of the weather. Dr. Thompkins, as master of ceremonies, in introducing the mayor, who delivered the commencement address, briefly recited the things of civic interest that have been accomplished during his administration, both for the betterment of Kansas City in general, and for the Negroes, in particular. In spite of his unfit physical condition, and a later appointment, Mayor Jost held his audience spell-bound for forty-five minutes with a masterpiece of eloquence After hearing the words of wisdom advice, and practical philosophy delivered in an earnest and heart-to-heart manner, one does not wonder at his being termed "the little giant"—for that of both the intellect and the heart he undoubtedly is. During his talk, he brought out many facts that have been glossed over by most public men of this country. He spoke of the differences between the respective courses that members of the two races must pursue toward the same end. In connection with this he discussed quite freely the subject of Social Equality. Coming then more directly toward his purpose, he enumerated and elaborated upon the three main factors in life; Fun, truth and love. Fun to keep us young and cheerful, truth, to make us strong, and love to make us tolerant.

Throughout the whole, he extolled the noble profession chosen by those graduating and exhorted them to the highest ideals of that profession. One particularly beautiful picture he drew was that contrasting the soldier on the battle field to the nurse at the same place to the greater glory of the nurse.

After a death-like silence during the entire speech, the audience attempted to show its appreciation by prolonged and deafening applause, when the speaker had finished.

In introducing the next speaker, Mr. Finn, who was to present the diplomas, Dr. Thompkins took the opportunity to thank him for making the occasion possible and for all he had done for the people of his race. He also expressed his appreciation for the hearty cooperation and assistance rendered by all connected with the work from the superintendent of the General Hospital down to the garbage man—not one thing having been asked for that had not been received, not one effort having been made that had not been recognized. In presenting the diplomas, Mr. Finn highly complimented the work of the graduates, of which he knew personally—having witnessed many times during his frequent visits to the hospital. He also paid a high tribute to Miss Mary Hampton the supervisor of nurses of the Colored division and complimented the Colored physicians of the staff, going into detail quite a little concerning their efficiency. But on this, as well as on the occasion the night before, did he extol most highly Dr. Wm. J. Thompkins, the superintendent of the Colored division of the General Hospital, proclaiming him as being from every standpoint a gentleman, a physician and surgeon, and an executive—the right man for the place. In connection he prided himself upon his good judgment in selecting Dr. Thompkins as the first Negro to hold this position, and also upon his own insistence in attempting to persuade Dr. Thompkins to accept it, until he succeeded. He said that under the management of Dr. Thompkins, his fondest expectations have been surpassed, and his colleagues convinced that the change is not an experiment but the logical condition for best results. He also expressed himself as being pleased with the two new Colored employees of the hygienic department, Dr. Richardson and Miss Laura Brown, both of whom were appointed at the suggestion of Dr. Thompkins.

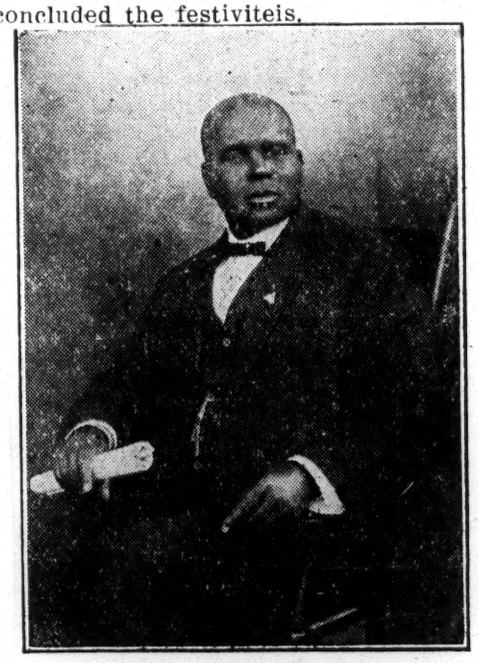
Miss Bustard, supervisor of nurses of the General Hospital Training school then presented to the graduates their school pins, after which they recited the "Florence Nightingale Pledge."

Others on the rostrum were Dr. Geo Pipkin, superintendent of the General Hospital; Rev. Hurse, pastor of St. Stephens' Baptist church; and Rev. Thomas, pastor of Allen Chapel.

Music for the occasion was rendered by the unequaled Western University chorus, which, under the direction of Prof. R. G. Jackson was at its best—more than this need not be said.

Rev. Wm. H. Thomas, pastor of the church delivered both invocation and benediction. The members of the graduating class are Miss Kathryn Finn, of Kansas, and Miss Leatha Hargrove of Texas.

Other features of the commencement week were a luncheon at noon Tuesday, the 18th, for the mayor and the hospital and health board, prepared and served by the graduating class. A picnic at Swope Park on Wednesday and an automobile tour of the city for the class on Thursday concluded the festiviteis.



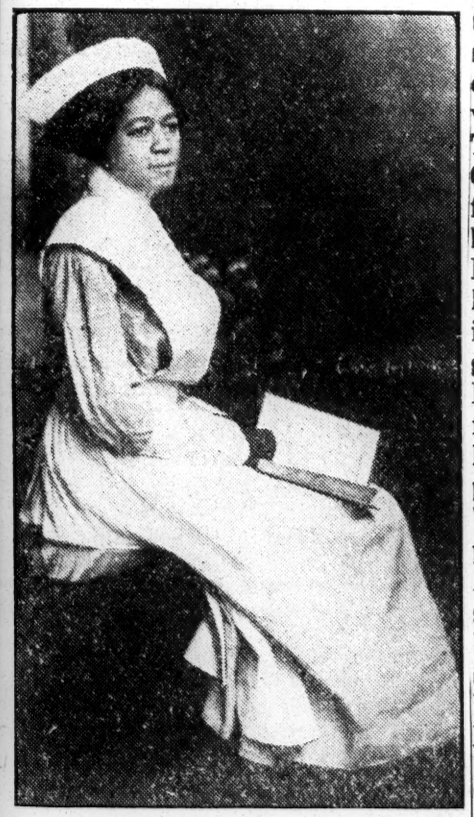
REV. J. W. HURSE,
The popular pastor of St. Stephen's Baptist Church, who delivered the most enthusiastically received baccalaureate sermon to the graduate nurses of the Colored Division of the General Hospital last Sunday.

Mayor Henry L. Jost, who delivered the most interesting, encouraging and eloquent address ever heard at the graduation exercises of the Nurses of the Colored division of the General Hospital Training School last Monday evening.

PROVIDENT HOSPITAL GRADUATE SECURES A GOOD POSITION

Miss Rhoygnette Webb to Take Charge of Butler's Sanitarium at Evanston, Ill. Holds Three Diplomas.

Ever since Provident Hospital has been training young women in nursing, those taking the course have been graduates of some high school or college. Intelligence and character have been the bases upon which young women entered the school. In 1914 there graduated from Provident Miss Rhoygnette Webb, a prominent young



Miss Rhoygnette Webb.

miss from Peru, Ind. She had graduated from the Peru high school and Purdue University school of pharmacy. Since finishing Provident Miss Webb has been engaged in her profession in the city of Chicago and suburbs, giving entire satisfaction to patients and physicians. Her work has been done with such consummate skill and intelligence that she has been offered a position as head nurse at Dr. Butler's sanitarium, Evanston, Ill. She will take charge May 1. On last Tuesday evening Miss Webb was entertained by friends at the home of Miss Ollie Beaseley, 5118 Wabash avenue. She left the city this week to visit her parents, returning May 1 to take charge at Butler's sanitarium.

WEEK'S NEWS OF N. C. CAPITAL

Meeting Of National Association Of Graduate Nurses. Personal Notes

(By T. L. McCoy)

Raleigh, N. C., August 23, 1915.

The National Association of Graduate Colored Nurses met in this city last Tuesday. The sessions were held in Shaw University chapel. Delegates were here from various sections of this country. The officers were, president, Miss Carrie M. Sharp, Petersburg, Va., first vice president, G. P. Voorhees; second vice president, Mrs. L. D. Watkins; recording secretary, Mrs. George Shippen; corresponding secretary, Miss Leonora Hargrave; treasurer, Mrs. Navina L. Kemp, for 1915. The new officers for 1916 are as follows: President, Mrs. A. B. Thomas; first vice-president, Miss M. M. York, Washington, D. C.; second vice-president, Mrs. L. D. Watkins, Portsmouth, Va.; corresponding secretary, Miss S. L. Hargrave, Wilmington, N. C.; recording secretary, Miss Mary E. Merritt, Lumsville, Ky.; treasurer, Mrs. N. L. Kemp, Philadelphia; chaplain, Miss E. A. Jackson, Lotus, Ky. The congress will be held in New York City in 1916. Drs. Lawry and C. O. Abernathy, white, and Drs. P. H. Williams and L. E. McCauley assisted in making the daily programmes interesting by delivering addresses and lectures on subjects that had great bearing on the nurse's work while in service. The local nurses of the city were hostess to the national association and they did their part nicely in entertaining the congress while in session. A lawn social with an abundance of refreshments was tendered the guests and visiting friends at St. Agnes Hospital last Tuesday evening. Thursday evening the congress closed with a banquet and dance at Masonic Hall. Resolutions were adopted thanking the local nurses, the citizens and friends in general for the hospitality shown the congress.

TRAINED NURSE MADE GOOD

Miss Lillian Hardwick, Appointee of Ex-Gov. Hodges, Making Good.

Miss Lillian Hardwick, who was one among four appointed by Ex-Gov. Geo. H. Hodges as nurses at the Osawatomie State Hospital, is now head nurse, being the only one of the first four left. She has been there now more than a year, likes the work and has made good. She

MISS LILLIAN HARDWICK.

is one of Alabama's fairest young women—cultured and refined. She is a graduate of the A. and M. college, and also a graduate nurse of the same institution.

At the time of her appointment Miss Hardwick, with her mother was visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Jas. A. Cone of Leavenworth, but after breathing the Kansas zephyrs Miss Hardwick became enchanted and is now a devotee of the sunflower state. Miss Hardwick left last Saturday on her vacation. In company with her aunt, Mrs. Cone she will visit at Pittsburg for a few days with ffriends and from there she will go to Leavenworth, Kans., Lawrence and Topeka. Since her advent in Kansas Miss Hardwick has made many friends who are pleased to know that she is making such excellent success.

A STEP HIGHER.

At the recent annual meeting of the Georgia Association of Graduate Nurses, a step higher in professional efficiency was taken when the association appointed a committee to draft a bill to be presented to the legislature requiring compulsory registration of nurses; stricter requirements in admission, and otherwise raising the standard of the profession.

The enacting of this law would protect not only the profession of nursing against the inefficient or unethical, but it would protect the public.

The comparative newness of nursing as a profession, the uniform wage paid, and the dignity of nursing as a calling for woman, has attracted many to the field, and the so-called training schools for nurses are numerous.

The proposed law would require a high standard of training not only from the graduate nurse, but it would require that certificates and diplomas should be recognized only where issued by training schools measuring to the highest standards.

The relation of trained nursing to the medical profession, and the responsibility of the nurse in the home where she is called, make any step taken to raise the standard of nursing most important, and worthy the interest of the doctors, and citizenship at large.

The Georgia Association of Graduate Nurses was organized through the inspiration of Mrs. Agnes Hartridge, the first president, and her continued interest in the movement, making for the highest ideals, is a potent factor in the continued growth and success of the association.

NURSES WILL MEET

(Special to Journal and Guide).

Raleigh, N. C. July 5.—The 8th annual Convention of the National Association of Colored Nurses will be held in Shaw University Chapel, Raleigh, N. C., August 17th 18th and 19th, 1915. Miss M. York, chairman of committee on arrangements making preparations to intertain the delegates to this convention in grand style. Malette's Drug Store has been designated as headquarters for the nurses.

Miss Lucia Barksdale, a graduate nurse of Provident Hospital, Chicago, is serving in the present war as a Red Cross nurse. Miss Barksdale is said to have charge of a corps of nurses of different nationalities and is known and praised as "the little Corporal."

GOVERNOR NAMES BOARD OF NURSES

Law Demands Three Graduate Nurses and Two Physicians on Commission

Governor Henderson yesterday announced the appointment of five members of the State Nurses Commission, these appointments being made under provisions of an act passed by the legislature at its recent session. Those appointed on the board are Dr. J. N. Baker, Montgomery; Dr. Harry T. Inge, Mobile; Miss Helen McLean, Birmingham; Mrs. E. M. Hartsock, Birmingham, and Miss Lamae Phares, Mobile.

Under the new law passed this board must be composed of three graduate nurses and two physicians.

No appointment of a harbor commission for Mobile was announced yesterday by the Governor. The Governor also has not appointed a deputy insurance commissioner nor a State fire marshall.

"Because of the amount of work on my desk I have just now obtained time to look over the list of applicants for these various positions," said the Governor yesterday.

APPOINTED ON CITY STAFF

(Special to Journal and Guide)

Durham, N. C., July 12 Miss Julia A. Latta, for ten years matron and head nurse of Lincoln Hospital, was on July 4th appointed by the city board of health as nurse among the colored people of the city. This is the first time such an appointment has been made.

Persons wishing books by colored authors may apply to Young's Book Exchange, 135 West 135th street, N. Y. City. The Book Sellers of Harlem.

Last week the Board of Health appointed Mrs. Cora Lee Winston, 30 West 136th street to the position of visiting nurse in New York Public Schools.

Parks and Recreation – 1915

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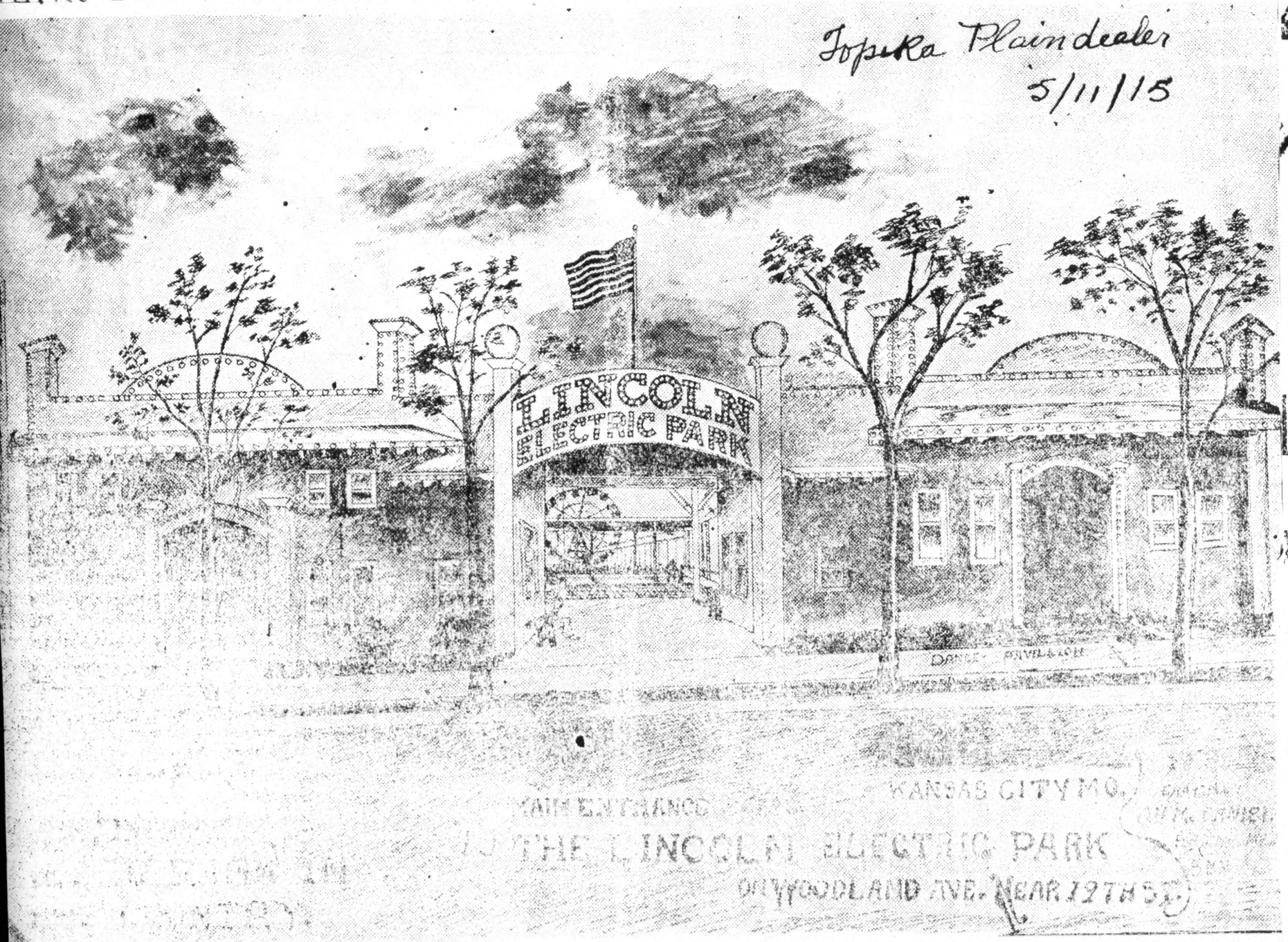

"Lincoln Highway!"

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GRAND OPENING

Lincoln Electric Park

Kansas City, Mo.

May 16th, 1915.

In reality, Saturday and Sunday, May 15th and 16th will be the two opening days, as one day will not be sunicient to ca:e for those wishing to participate in this grand opening.

If you want the finest treat of your life, COME! Capt. Smith's Lincoln Park Band every night, which means the Acme of Music. Wait until you see the dance orchestra! The management is too busy fitting concessions and attractions for this beautiful park to write lengthy advertisements. Just come and see! Adults 10c; children 5c. Free high class oictnre show. The Ferris Wheel and Merry-Go-Round are the finest money can buy.

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Nashville Globe 5/7/15

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